



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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May 17, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

49 May 17, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AWARD OF A PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT  
CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2011  
LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED  
IN VARIOUS CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

This action is to award a public works construction contract for Catch Basin Cleanout 2011, Los Angeles River Watershed, and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute a contract for work in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Los Angeles River Watershed.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Award and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to prepare the maintenance service contract in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contract, and establish the effective date following receipt of the approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance filed by the contractor for Project ID No. FMD3000010 – Catch Basin Cleanout 2011, Los Angeles River Watershed, to clean approximately 39,000 catch basins in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Los Angeles River Watershed, to Clean Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$497,250.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to award this maintenance service

contract and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute the contract and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds and insurance filed by the contractor for this project.

On March 1, 2011, Agenda Item 39, your Board approved the project, adopted the plans and specifications, and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening date, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposal are also enclosed for this project.

The recommended maintenance service contract is necessary to execute a Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) project in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract award and the subsequent execution of the contract will ensure the timely completion of the project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding this contract will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This action will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost of \$497,250 is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Budget.

The enclosure includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contract was solicited on an open competitive basis and is in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractor is in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

The award of this contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. This contract contains terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal

Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of this finding are included in the enclosure.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract was solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This maintenance service contract will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
May 17, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. FMD3000010 – CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2011, LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED (in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Los Angeles River Watershed), all Supervisorial Districts

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 39,000 catch basins at various locations throughout the Los Angeles River Watershed.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 1, 2011 (Agenda Item 39)

BID OPENING DATE: March 29, 2011

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*+Clean Environmental, Inc., a corporation 321 East Fourth Street Los Angeles, California 90011 (323) 695-6975	\$497,250.00
2	Universal Maintenance Co.	\$546,000.00
3	*J & G Maintenance Services, Inc.	\$619,710.00
4	*+Ron's Maintenance	\$624,000.00
	*MWBE +LSBE	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$702,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$497,250.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$204,750.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 29 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are included in Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Clean Environmental, Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On March 1, 2011, Agenda Item 39, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This project is to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June 2011 and be completed in September 2011.

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